



Come celebrate the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution



This Fall and Winter, the celebration of the American Revolution continues at **Valley Forge National Historical Park**. The National Park Service, National Center for the American Revolution and our partners invite you to come experience the Winter at Valley Forge. Along with all the great programs you have come to expect at Valley Forge, visitors will be treated to a host of **new activities and events** created for audiences of all ages and levels of interest from our new **Saturday Morning Kids Corner** to our **Sundays in the Park** series. So, no matter how many times you have been to Valley Forge, there's a program for you.

Things You Can Do Everyday



Plan Your Visit at the Welcome Center

Open Daily • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Closed Christmas

- ★ Check out our exciting **daily programs** and **special weekend programs** detailed throughout this guide.
- ★ **Stop by the Encampment Store** for one-of-a-kind gifts and souvenirs.
- ★ See **"Valley Forge: A Winter Encampment,"** an 18-minute film that tells the story of how the Continental Army was transformed into a fighting force that would defeat the British and win our independence. Shown in the theater every half-hour.



- ★ **Explore "Determined to Persevere"** our newest exhibit that focuses on the 1777-1778 encampment and the incredible people who won our nation's independence.



★ Become a Jr. Ranger

Purchase your activity book at the Encampment Store and start exploring. Two different programs -

"The Continental Soldier" and "The Naturalist" - allow you to either learn about the 1777-1778 encampment and its people or explore the environmental beauty of the park. Once completed, return to the Welcome Center for your official Jr. Park Ranger certificate and badge.



Muhlenberg Brigade

Staffed Weekends • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

★ Life and Times of a Regular Soldier

History records the deeds of many generals, but so often, it is the work and dedication of the largely anonymous soldier serving in the ranks that makes victory possible. That certainly was the case at the Valley Forge encampment. The enlisted men and the women camp followers formed the backbone of Washington's army. At Valley Forge, they built the cabins, nursed the sick and trained for long hours on the parade ground.

At Valley Forge National Historical Park, it is our mission to commemorate the dedication, teamwork and skills of all those who wintered here.



Things You Can Do Everyday



Washington's Headquarters

Staffed Daily • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Christmas

★ Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief

Visit the house George Washington used as his headquarters. Here General Washington and his staff performed the vital work that held the war effort together during the winter of 1777-1778. As you walk the grounds, read the wayside exhibits and learn about life in the village during this important time.

Admission tickets to Washington's Headquarters are available at the Welcome Center and the fee booth located on the walking path heading to Washington's Headquarters. Admission is \$3.00 per adult (children 16 years or younger enter free). National Parks Passes are honored and available at the two locations.



Washington Memorial Chapel

Monday - Saturday • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday • 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

This home to an active worshipping community was built as a tribute to George Washington and his service to the country. Designed in the Gothic Revival style, the chapel features beautiful stained glass windows which depict the lives of Christ and George Washington, as well as the history of the western world. Their warmth and delicacy rival the European masterpieces that served as inspiration.

The chapel complex is also home to the **Chapel Cabin Shop** and the **World of Scouting Museum**.

For information contact the chapel at 610-783-0120.

Do Something Revolutionary!

Volunteer at Valley Forge National Historical Park!

Volunteering is an American tradition that lives on at Valley Forge National Historical Park.



Our volunteers are, without a doubt, Very Important People (VIPs). Volunteers at Valley Forge National Historical Park are actively involved in presenting historical and educational programs, providing informational assistance to park visitors, and preserving the historical and natural resources of the park.

If you are interested in being a part of this most rewarding and enjoyable program, then Valley Forge National Historical Park is interested in you.

To learn more about the volunteer opportunities that the park has to offer, please contact us at www.nps.gov/vafo or (610) 783-1045.



Mini-Bus Tours of Valley Forge

Weekends in September & October

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

Enjoy a 90-minute guided tour of Valley Forge National Historical Park in the comfort of a 20-seat Werner Mini-Bus. Tours depart from the Welcome Center at Valley Forge on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., and feature stops with costumed interpreters at key landmarks throughout the Park including Muhlenberg Huts, George Washington's Headquarters (includes tour of Headquarters) and Washington Memorial Chapel.



Tour Pricing

Adults	\$15.50
Students (ages 12-16)	\$12.50
Children under 12	\$10.50

For information about the tours at Valley Forge please call 610-768-0281. Program provided in partnership with the National Center for the American Revolution, Werner Coach, the Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau and by a grant from the Ford Motor Company, Proud Partner of the National Parks and the National Park Foundation.

Plus, there are all kinds of new weekly programs and one-day special events happening throughout the season.

So whether it's Weekends at the Park, Holiday Tours, Personalities of the Revolution, George Washington and His Army or our new Saturday Morning Kids Corner there's always something exciting and educational happening at the Park.

See pages 4-7 for details.



February

George Washington and his army

★ President's Day Weekend

Cradle of Liberty Council, Boy Scouts of America: Valley Forge Pilgrimage

Saturday, February 14, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Along Outer Line Drive



Valley Forge National Historical Park will be hosting the annual Boy Scouts Pilgrimage program on Saturday, February 14, 2003. This year the historical focus will feature Brigadier General William Alexander, also known as "Lord Stirling," and the controversy that took place during the encampment.



A Soldier's Salute to General Washington - 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment

Sunday, February 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2

As a tribute to George Washington, Revolutionary War soldiers of the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment will illustrate how well they learned the art of war while encamped at Valley Forge. Talk to the soldiers and camp followers and watch the men as they demonstrate their marching, drilling, and musket skills.



Life and Times of a Regular Soldier

Monday, February 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2



Costumed interpreters help you understand life in the camp. Join a ranger talk at 11:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. to hear about the skilled and capable soldiers. Learn first-hand about the skills that enabled the troops to establish and maintain a winter post in the face of the British.

Peter Lewis: A Regular Soldier

Saturday, February 28, 1 p.m.
Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2

It is often said that the regular soldier was the backbone of the American Revolution. Join a park ranger for this one-hour program and learn what they did to earn this mantle, how they did it, and the lessons they learned, as the life of one of those soldiers, Peter Lewis, is examined.

★ Washington's Birthday Weekend

Saturday, February 21 & Sunday, February 22

Valley Forge National Historical Park was the first location in the country where George Washington's birthday was celebrated publicly. This tradition lives on at Valley Forge with a full weekend of activities and events for all ages.

This Was His Day - 6th Pennsylvania Regiment

Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2

The soldiers didn't have much during the encampment; still the men of the Continental Army wanted to find a way to salute General George Washington on his birthday. Join the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment as they honor Washington with drilling, marching, and musket demonstrations.



Young Soldiers for Washington's Army

Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m.
Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to join a brigade in Washington's army. Meet in front of the Welcome Center's Education Center to learn to march and drill like the General's soldiers did at Valley Forge. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This one-hour program concludes with a march to Muhlenberg Brigade to see a musket demonstration (weather permitting).

Washington as Military Commander-in-Chief

Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m.
Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

When you think George Washington you think first President of the United States. However, it wasn't politics that won our nation its independence, it was Washington's innovative military leadership as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Rediscover George Washington, the "Commander-in-Chief," with this one-hour program that will discuss the military career of the man who would become our nation's first hero and greatest military commander.



It's George Washington's Birthday!

Sunday, February 22, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

Come celebrate with a day of colonial music, food and activities for the whole family. Join the party honoring the "father of our country" and watch as George and Martha Washington cut the "great cake."



Coming in March...

Join us as we focus on "Women of the Revolution" including Martha Washington and Molly Pitcher, plus many more programs exploring women's roles in the American Revolution.

For more information about Valley Forge National Historical Park and the interpretive programs being offered, please call (610) 783-1077, TDD (610) 783-1099 or visit the Park's web site at www.nps.gov/vafo.



September - November



weekends at the Park

Following in Their Footsteps: A Ranger-Led Walk

Weekends in September & October, 10:50 a.m. & 1:50 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

A 40-minute ranger-led walk from the Welcome Center to Muhlenberg Brigade, where the ranger will explain the significance of Valley Forge and its impact on the American Revolution.

Life and Times of a Regular Soldier

Weekends in September & October, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturdays in November, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2

Costumed interpreters help you understand life in the camp. Join a ranger talk at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to hear about the skilled and capable soldiers. Learn first-hand about the skills that enabled the troops to establish and maintain a winter post in the face of the British.



Exhibit Tours - "Determined to Persevere"

Weekends, November - March, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

Come on a ranger guided tour of the Park's new permanent exhibit "Determined to Persevere" which provides many insights about the various aspects of life during the encampment at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78.



Valley Forge: Past, Present and Future:

A Ranger-Led Bike Tour

Sunday, September 7, 1 p.m., Lower Welcome Center parking lot

Sunday, October 26, 1 p.m., Betzwood Picnic Area

Grab your mountain or cross bike, fill your water bottle, and join a park ranger for this one-and-a-half-hour guided bike tour over paved and unpaved trails. The 7-mile loop takes riders at a leisurely pace over moderate terrain making several stops to talk about the Park's history and exciting plans for its future. Bike helmets required. Ranger will cancel the ride in case of severe weather.



What the Weak Use to Resist the Strong

Sunday, September 14, 1 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

During the six months the Continental Army was encamped at Valley Forge, British commanders, occupying Philadelphia, could have attacked. One of the reasons they did not was the system of earthwork fortifications constructed by Washington's troops. Join a soldier at the site of a fort, or "redoubt," and learn about the defenses of Valley Forge.

★ National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

You can put your hands to work on the 10th Annual National Public Lands Day Celebration at Valley Forge. Come join hundreds of other individuals, families and organizations in volunteering for the day on projects from planting trees and clearing trails to improving wildlife habitat. Be another set of "Helping Hands for America's Lands."

Seeing Red

Sunday, September 21, 3 p.m.

Stables near Washington's Headquarters

On September 21, 1777, the British encamped at Valley Forge. Join one of General William Howe's redcoats for a one-hour discussion of the events that brought the British to Valley Forge months before the Americans camped here in December of 1777.

"The Hessians are Coming!"

Saturday, September 27, 1 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

Did you know that fully one-third of the British Army in America, during our Revolution, was German; that the royal government, in London, hired close to 30,000 of these foreign "mercenaries" to suppress the American Rebellion? Only 17,000 of these ill-used and now forgotten soldiers ever made it back to the German states that sent them. Join a park ranger at the Park's Welcome Center for a spirited and highly informative discussion about these little-known and misunderstood soldiers.



★ Spies Sunday at Valley Forge

Sunday, October 5, 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

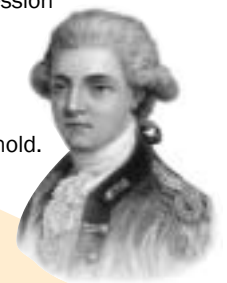
When people think of spies today, they picture James Bond. However, spying or espionage is an age-old profession and was one of the most important sources of information for both sides during the American Revolution. Some of the most famous spies in history are from the 18th century - Nathan Hale, John Andre, and the most infamous Benedict Arnold.

Spies of the Revolution

Sunday, October 5, 1 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

Join a ranger for a discussion on the famous, and infamous, people who did the work nobody liked and everybody wanted — the spies of Valley Forge.



John Andre

Local Spies from Bucks County

Sunday, October 5, 3 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

Come learn about the Doan Family, a Tory gang made up of five brothers and their cousin. They worked for the notorious Major Andre, Chief of British intelligence in New York, right here in Bucks County.



September - November



weekends at the Park

★ Baron Friedrich von Steuben Weekend



Ready, Aim, Fire!

The Importance of Baron Friedrich von Steuben

Saturday, October 11, 1 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

Who was Inspector General Friedrich von Steuben and why did he have such an impact on the development of the Continental Army at Valley Forge? Commonly known as the "Head Drill Master," the Inspector General was responsible for training soldiers in the art of military drill and discipline. Join a ranger for a discussion of why Steuben was the right man for the job and how he transformed the Continental Army into a well-trained and professional fighting force.

Tribute to von Steuben

Sunday, October 12, 1 p.m.

Von Steuben Statue near Varnum's Quarters

The Pastorius Unit of the Steuben Society of America will be hosting a wreath laying ceremony in tribute to the Baron. Along with the ceremony on the Grand Parade, there will be a demonstration of the skills taught to the army by von Steuben.



Exhibit: von Steuben's Impact on the Continental Army

October 11 - December 1

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1



Artillery for Young Artillerists

Sunday, October 19, 1 p.m.

Artillery Park - Tour Stop #8

The artillery of the Continental Army played a major role in winning the War for Independence. Recruits ages 6 to 12 are invited to learn first-hand about the artillery at Valley Forge by taking part in this one-hour program. Using imitation equipment, the children will be grouped into gun crews and trained in the steps to load and fire an 18th century cannon. Artillerists must dress for the weather and be accompanied by an adult.



"Rocks, Trees and Straight Lines":

Battle Tactics in War of American Independence

Saturday, October 25, 1 p.m.

Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2

There's a common perception of embattled colonial farmers dressed in buckskin, hiding behind rocks and trees, firing on the foolish British troops, standing in straight lines in bright red uniforms, like lambs for the slaughter. Not quite true. Join a park ranger for a one-hour program that is sure to surprise — dispelling many of the myths surrounding the story of "how they fought."

The Court Martial of Benedict Arnold

Sunday, November 2, 1 p.m.

Welcome Center, Theater - Tour Stop #1

The Friends of Valley Forge invite you to join the students of Methacton Senior High School as they conduct a mock trial, putting Major General Benedict Arnold on trial. Based on the actual proceeding held from December 1779 to January 1780 in Morristown, NJ.

The War of American Independence: Our First Civil War

Saturday, November 15, 1 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

It can be argued that the War of American Independence was truly our first civil war. Thousands of loyalists served in the British Army against their fellow Americans and German-speaking troops fought against German-American soldiers in Washington's army. Join a park ranger for this one-hour program about this little-emphasized aspect of the Revolution.

Harvest Festival and Covenant Recognition Ceremony - Oneida Indian Nation

Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

Sample traditional foods from the Iroquois "Three Sisters" food group - beans, corn and squash - considered to be the sustainers of life. Watch the debut performance of the Oneida Dance Troupe. Experience the Covenant Recognition Ceremony that will formally acknowledge the lasting relationship between the Oneida People and Valley Forge.

Kids

Corner

WEEKLY PROGRAM

Saturday Morning Kids Corner

Saturdays, November - March, 11 a.m.

Beginning in November, the park and our partners are launching the **Saturday Morning Kids Corner** at Valley Forge, a new series of hands-on programs and activities for kids and families. Every weekend will focus on a different topic and include a range of activities from nature walks and storytelling to hands-on projects. **A few programs are listed below, for future dates or more details call 610-783-1077 or check out our website at www.nps.gov/vafo.**

Nature Walks with Author Jane Kirkland

Learn how to explore the outdoors as a family and tune your kids into nature. Take a tree or bird walk with children's nature book author, columnist, and *Kids Corner* "nature walk" guest Jane Kirkland. Learn how to observe nature, identify trees and birds in the park and take field notes. Then it's back to the Encampment Store for a special book signing. Kids also receive a free "Notes" page from one of Jane's books and everyone receives a free bookmark.

Take a Tree Walk with Author Jane Kirkland

Saturday, November 1, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pawling's Parking Area

Take a Bird Walk with Author Jane Kirkland

Saturday, December 20, 10 a.m. - Noon

Saturday, January 17, 10 a.m. - Noon

Pawling's Parking Area

Exciting things are happening at the Park!



December

holiday tours

★ March-In of the Continental Army

Friday, December 19th, 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Washington's Headquarters - Tour Stop #5

By the nightfall of December 19, 1777, thousands of Continental Soldiers had arrived at Valley Forge and established camp. On December 19th, 2003, Valley Forge National Historical Park will commemorate the 226th Anniversary of the army's arrival. Guided tours by lantern light will offer stories of the soldiers, officers, camp followers, and local civilians struggle for independence. You are also welcome to talk with the soldiers and camp followers, visit the Isaac Potts' House (Washington's Headquarters), indulge in the refreshments that are offered by the Friends of Valley Forge, and purchase a memento at the Encampment Store.



Tour times: 6:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 7:50 p.m.
Free shuttle service from Welcome Center

★ Holiday Tours of Valley Forge

December 27-31, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1



Enjoy a 90-minute guided tour of Valley Forge National Historical Park and learn about how the men, women and children encamped at Valley Forge celebrated the holidays. Tours depart from the Welcome Center and stop at featured landmarks

throughout the park including: Muhlenberg Huts, George Washington's Headquarters, and Washington Memorial Chapel.

Tour Pricing

Adults \$15.50
Students (ages 12-16) \$12.50
Children under 12 \$10.50

These tours are provided in partnership with the National Center for the American Revolution, Werner Coach, and the Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau.



January



personalities of the revolution

Nathanael Greene - The Quaker General

Sunday, January 4, 1 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

George Washington once wrote to Nathanael Greene, "My hopes rest on my knowledge of your talents." Nathanael Greene broke with his Quaker faith and fought for independence from Britain, rising to the rank of major general in the Continental Army. Join a park ranger for this one-hour program that focuses on an individual whose service was critical in winning independence for America.



"Light Horse Harry" Lee

Sunday, January 25, 1 p.m.

Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2

"First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countryman." This famous description of General Washington is credited to Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee. Who was this man and what was his role during the Valley Forge encampment? In this one-hour program, learn about this man and the tools of war he used to fight the British during the war for our nation's independence.



Painting of Washington by Charles Willson Peale

Charles Willson Peale

Saturday, January 10 & Sunday, January 11, 1 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

Painter, scientist, philosopher and father - Charles Willson Peale was all of these. Join noted living historian Christian Johnson as he portrays Charles Willson Peale and takes us on the incredible journey of Peale's life through his paintings.

Tolerably Comfortable

Saturday, January 31 & Sunday, February 1

11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Dogwood Parking Lot

Join park rangers as they test one of the reconstructed soldier cabins at Valley Forge against the winter elements.

Research indicates that the log huts that the troops built at Valley Forge were, as the men often described them in their diaries, "tolerably comfortable." In this experiment, park staff will apply the same tools and techniques that the continental soldiers used to heat their cabins. Meet the ranger at the Conway Brigade parking lot (near Gulph Road and Inner Line Drive) for a guided tour to the cabin.



Thomas Jefferson

Saturday, January 17 & Sunday, January 18, 1 p.m.

Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1

The American Revolution was a trying time for Thomas Jefferson. Come join noted living historian William Barker as he portrays Thomas Jefferson and learn about Thomas Jefferson's views on the American Revolution, other notable figures of the time, and his life during the war.





Valley Forge National Historical Park

Thank you for celebrating our 225th anniversary with us!



- | Tour Stop | Location |
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| 1 | Welcome Center
Information, film every 30 minutes, displays, gift shop, rest rooms. Seasonal: bus and audio tours available at Encampment Store. Open 9-5 daily. |
| 2 | Muhlenberg Brigade
Reconstructed soldiers' huts on the site of General Peter Muhlenberg's brigade. Staffed 10-4 weekends through October, Saturdays in November. |
| 3 | National Memorial Arch
Monument dedicated to all those who served at Valley Forge. |
| 4 | Anthony Wayne Statue
General Wayne's statue sits in the center of the area held by Pennsylvania troops under his command. |
| 5 | Washington's Headquarters
Original house rented by Washington as quarters and work space for his staff and himself. Furnished. Open 9-5 daily. |

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| 6 | Redoubt #4
Earthen fort which anchored the north and inner defense line. |
| 7 | Redoubt #3
Earthen fort which anchored the south and inner defense line. |
| 8 | Artillery Park
Central area for artillery under the command of General Henry Knox. |
| 9 | Varnum's Quarters
Stephens farm house which served as temporary quarters for General James Varnum of Rhode Island. |
| 10 | Washington Memorial Chapel
Located on private grounds within the park. Open Monday - Saturday 8-5, Sunday 1-5. |